

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2002 DRINKING WATER BOARD MEETING HELD IN ALTA, UTAH

Board Members Present

Boyd Workman, Chairman
Dale Pierson, Vice Chairman
Anne Erickson, Ed.D.
Nancy Melich
Ruth Perry
Chris Webb

Board Members Excused

Myron Bateman
Jay Franson, P.E.
Don Hayes, Ph.D.
Dianne Nielson, Ph.D.
Richard Dale Roper

Staff

Kevin Brown
Michael Georgeson
Ken Bousfield
Bill Birkes
Linda Matulich

Guests

Alden Robinson, Sunrise Engineering, Inc.
Doug Nielson, Sunrise Engineering, Inc.
Gaylen Matheson, Enoch City
Alma Fletcher, Mayor, Cannonville Town
Tristan DeMille, J&D Engineering/Cannonville Town
Scott Roger, Aqua Engineering
Onna Wieringa, Alta Ski Area
Kate Black, Town of Alta
Flossie Black, visiting from Vermont
Al Tunbridge, Alta Ski Area
M.C. Haik, Land Services, Inc.
Bill Levitt, Mayor, Town of Alta
Jody Shronte, Alta Town Council
Tom Pollard, Alta Town Council
Keith Hanson, Salt Lake County Service Area # 3
John Guldner, Town of Alta

ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER

The Drinking Water Board convened in Alta, Utah with Chairman Workman presiding. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 - ROLL CALL

Chairman Workman asked Kevin Brown to call roll of the Board members. The roll call showed there were 5 members present at the time.

ITEM 3 - INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Workman welcomed everyone and asked the guests to introduce themselves.

ITEM 4 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Workman stated a motion to approve the November 9, 2001 minutes would be in order.

Motion to approve the minutes were done when Anne Erickson arrived.

Chris Webb moved to approve the November 9, 2001 minutes.

Dale Pierson seconded.

**CARRIED
(Unanimous)**

**ITEM 5 - ANTIMONY UPDATE/EXTENSION DISCUSSION FOR ALTA AND SALT LAKE
COUNTY SERVICE AREA # 3**

Jay Franson joined the Board for item 5 by telephone.

Keith Hanson addressed the Board. Keith went over the handouts summarizing the presentation of the tour, the remediation efforts, the public notice handed out to the customers, and a copy of the exemption letter to Doug Evans dated February 11, 1997 from the Division. Alta and Salt Lake County Service Area # 3 met the requests listed in the letter and have worked hard in finding a solution. Also in the handouts is a copy of the public notice and fax sheet provided by the Division for the exemption from five years ago. Alta is requesting another five-year exemption. Alta has anxiously pursued an effective solution for complying with the Antimony standard within the five-year exemption period. Alta has completed 17 studies, and has invested thousands of hours and dollars on the study. The Antimony levels are staying within the 12 - 13 range. Based on the pilot work, Alta won't know the results of the current testing for three years. Alta is looking at completing the engineering work and implementing the program.

Mayor Bill Levitt, Town of Alta, addressed the Board.

Discussion followed.

Jay Franson was called for a quorum vote on the five-year extension for the Antimony exemption for Salt Lake County Service Area # 3 and the Town of Alta.

Dale Pierson moved the Board authorize an additional five-year extension on the Antimony exemption to Salt Lake County Service Area # 3 and the Town of Alta.

Nancy Melich seconded.

**CARRIED
(Unanimous)**

The motion was restated when Anne Erickson arrived to have a quorum vote of 6 in person.

Dale Pierson restated his motion for the Board to authorize a five-year extension on the Antimony exemption to the Salt Lake County Service Area # 3 and the Town of Alta.

Nancy Melich reseconded.

**CARRIED
(Unanimous)**

ITEM 6 - STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (SRF)/CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

a) SRF/Conservation Report

1) Status Report

Michael Georgeson reported the Board has available \$1,700,000 in the State Security Account and \$715,000 in the Secondary Account, and is minus \$26,000 in the Hardship Grant Account. Staff does get interest on the unspent funds every month, in the neighborhood of \$30,000. The deficit has probably been wiped out by the posting of the December interest, which we did not have when this information was put together. The Board has available \$1,796,000 in state money that has not been committed yet. Staff will be receiving repayments during January. Some of the repayments usually start in December. Staff will be able to make a more complete report at the March 1, 2002 Board meeting. The Board should have almost \$1,000,000 available in the Hardship Grant fund.

Mike mentioned the Board has \$6,671,000 available in the Federal SRF account which includes the state match.

Mike mentioned staff is concerned about the progress of the Draper Irrigation project. Draper Irrigation has been unable thus far to consummate an agreement with the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District to build extra filters at Jordan Valley's plant. Staff is getting to the point where it is critical that the money be spent or lose the money.

Mike said staff held conference calls with Copperton, Minersville and Eureka on their projects. Minersville is about \$100,000 short on completing their project. Minersville may be back to the Board at the March meeting. Eureka is progressing on their project. Copperton wants to proceed as rapidly as they can on their project and have their project completed by fall.

Discussion followed.

2) State SRF Applications

a) Enoch City - Loan

Gaylen Matheson, City Manager for Enoch, addressed the Board.

Mr. Matheson mentioned they have a Homestead well. The well is currently pumping 1,000 gallons a minute. Mr. Matheson described the problems they are having with the well. Enoch would

like to drill a new well next to the one they are presently using. Enoch mentioned there are three options they could pick from: 1) submitting a proposal with Zions Bank, 2) submitting a loan request with the Drinking Water Board, and 3) the Council could commit to a strict budget, work with existing funds and make adjustments to whatever was needed.

Bill Birkes said Enoch City doesn't have any debt service related to their water system. Enoch City is contributing \$40,000 toward the project. Enoch City is anticipating \$150,000 for the project. Enoch City was asking for a \$110,000 loan mix. Enoch City doesn't meet the criteria for a grant under the Board's current criteria. The analysis presented to the Board is all based on loans.

Discussion followed.

Motion for Enoch City was made when Anne Erickson arrived for a quorum vote.

Chris Webb moved the Board authorize the SRF/Conservation Committee's recommendation of \$110,000 loan for 15 years at 2.27%.

Anne Erickson seconded.

**CARRIED
(Unanimous)**

b) Cannonville Town

Tristan DeMille, J&D Engineering and Alma Fletcher, Mayor of Cannonville, addressed the Board.

Mayor Fletcher mentioned they are presently depending on a spring for their water. The town is experiencing problems with the spring. The TDS in the spring has increased over the last two years. Cannonville needs another source of water. Cannonville drilled a well about five miles from town, which didn't work out and has been looking for other alternatives to find water. Cannonville decided a deep well close to the community, but the water has arsenic in it which must be removed. Cannonville put in a new tank, new flow lines and a fire protection system. Cannonville has doubled their water base rates over the last two years and doesn't feel they can raise their rates any more without causing problems for the residents. Cannonville is requesting a grant from the Board.

Tristan DeMille addressed the Board. The funding Cannonville received from the Board and CIB earlier went for the tank, well, distribution system, and the pump. Cannonville started construction of a filter building and built a waste pond to take care of the filter backwash. Cannonville is working on two new projects as amendments to their plans. Cannonville needs to complete the pilot testing, filtration system and the final connections and is constructing the electrical and controls right now. Cannonville is looking for funding to complete the system, to get the pilot test running and to get the filtration system completed.

Bill Birkes mentioned on the application that approximately half of the required amount has been requested from the CIB. Tim Pine told Bill that the CIB authorized a 1/3 loan and a 2/3's grant to Cannonville. CIB participated with the Drinking Water Board on the previous project. Staff is recommending a 50/50 split.

Discussion followed.

Anne Erickson joined the meeting.

Cannonville City and Enoch City requests were reviewed for Anne.

Chris Webb moved the Board authorize Staff's Recommendation of a \$43,000 loan for 20 years at 1.4% and a construction grant of \$43,750 with no special contingencies.

Boyd Workman seconded.

**CARRIED
(Unanimous)**

ITEM 7 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Workman mentioned the Uintah Basin 14th Annual Water Conference will be held on January 29 - 30, 2002 in Vernal. The Board members are invited to attend. Chairman Workman went over the program.

ITEM 8 - DIRECTORS REPORT

a) Rural Water Association of Utah's Annual Meetings - February 27, 2002 - March 1, 2002

Kevin Brown mentioned the Rural Water Association of Utah will be having their annual conference in St. George at the Dixie Center from February 27, 2002 to March 1, 2002. The Drinking Water Board meeting will be on March 1, 2002 at the Dixie Center in the Sunbrook Room at 1:30 p.m. in conjunction with the conference. Linda Matulich will make arrangements for the registration for the conference and motel arrangements for the Board and will let the Board know. After receiving the information and if you need any changes, let Linda know.

b) Utah Water Users Annual Meetings - March 12 - 13, 2002

Kevin Brown reported the Utah Water Users Association will be holding their annual conference in St. George at the Dixie Center from March 12, 2002 to March 13, 2002. The Board members are invited to attend the meetings. If anyone would like to attend, let Linda know so she can make arrangements for motels and registration for the conference.

c) Legislative Update

Kevin Brown said the DEQ's Appropriation Subcommittee is coming down hard on the Department's budget. They have asked for an additional \$90,000, besides the \$350,000 cut, from the Department's budget. We may have to start looking at cutting some programs, travel and other things to come up with the shortfall.

There hasn't been any action on the Source Water Protection bill that Fred Finlinson has been working on yet.

There is an anti-fluoridation group trying to get some language introduced in the statute to preclude any of the water systems from putting in any type of fluoride that has a contaminant regulated by the Safe Drinking Water Act in their water system.

The Governors Office has recommended a significant cut on the sales tax that we use for our state loan program. There may be enough money left to cover our state match requirements, but it still hampers our state loan program. The League of Cities and Towns will be going to the Legislature to help us try and save our program.

Discussion followed.

d) Association of State Drinking Water Administrators President

Kevin mentioned he is now the President of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) this year. Kevin will be having a great deal of travel this coming year to various meetings throughout the country for the Association. ASDWA will be paying for the travels.

Congratulations Kevin!

ITEM 9 - NEWS ARTICLES

News articles are in the packet.

ITEM 10 - LETTERS

Letters are in the packet.

ITEM 11 - UPDATE

Update is in the packet.

ITEM 12 - NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on March 1, 2002 at the Dixie Center, Sunbrook Room, in St. George, Utah. The meeting will be in conjunction with the Rural Water Association of Utah's annual conference.

ITEM 13 - OTHER

No other business.

ITEM 14 - ADJOURN

Chairman Workman stated a motion to adjourn the Board meeting was in order.

Dale Pierson moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Ruth Perry seconded.

**CARRIED
(Unanimous)**

Linda Matulich
Recording Secretary